

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Christmas Activities** - It is lovely to have the Christmas vibe emerging around our school now that we are in December. Wonderful Christmas displays are appearing along our corridors and decorations are being created for our Christmas Tree entry for the competition at St Lawrence Church next weekend. Children in Reception and KS1 have been rehearsing and filming their productions and we are busy ordering 315 oranges ready to create our Christingles.

**Christmas Cards** – Unfortunately, we are unable to have our Christmas Post Box this year. Children can still bring in cards, *but only to children in their own class.*

**Science** – Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been investigating the forces in their science work and modelled prototype boats from plasticine before making them with foil. They tested the number of marbles the boats would hold until gravity was stronger than the upthrust. They also investigated how the viscosity of different liquids affected gravity by dropping marbles into syrup, oil and water.

**School Applications** - Applications for school places for Reception next year should be made online <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022.

**School Milk** - If you would like your child to receive school milk please register using the 'Cool Milk' website <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>. If your child is registered for welfare free school meals they can receive free milk – please ask at the office.

### **Covid Arrangements**

- Following the updated guidance from the Government this week any visitors that come into the school building should wear a face covering.
- If your child is unwell, they should remain at home until they are better. A PCR test should be taken if they are displaying Covid symptoms.
- If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result outside of school hours, please leave a message on the school answerphone and send a text to 07591 541444 immediately. We will contact you to confirm the next steps. Please do not use this number for any other messages. If your child receives a negative Covid-19 test result please contact the office on 01789 773201 before sending your child back to school.
- If your child displays symptoms of Covid in school, we will take their temperature and test their sense of smell before phoning you to come and collect them if we feel it is necessary.

**Dates for your Diary** - There will be *Teacher Training Days* on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> January and Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**Book of the Week** – The Reception children have been reading 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson. It is very dangerous being a Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire! Will he ever get back to the family tree?

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